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GOVERNOR'S ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS TASK FORCE
MINUTES

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Richmond, VA

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Task Force convened at 1 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: G. Gilmer Minor, III, Chair
The Honorable Jane H. Woods, Vice-Chair
Carolyn W. Bagley
Christopher S. Bailey
Barbara Baldwin
Stephen M. Borowitz, MD
Jeffrey D. Burke
James E. Burns
Kippy J. Cassell
Aneesh Paul Chopra
Margaret A. Cornett
Don E. Detmer, MD
John J. Dreyzehner, MD, By Telephone
Kevin W. Fergusson, MD, MSHA
Patrick W. Finnerty
Carl F. Gattuso
Doug Gray
Richardson Grinnan, MD
L. Thompson Hanes, Esq
Frederick J. Hannett
David T. Hollins
The Honorable Leonard L. Hopkins, Jr.
The Honorable Eugene J. Huang
J. Goodlett McDaniel
The Honorable John M. O'Bannon, III M.D.
Carol B. Pugh
Bertram S. Reese
James Reinhard, M.D., represented by Raymond Ratke
Rebecca P. Snead, R.Ph.
Gregory S. Walton

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Bernd
Brian Foley
The Honorable Janet Howell

STAFF PRESENT: David Austin, Department of Medical Assistance Services
Kim Barnes, Virginia Department of Health
Betty Jolly, Office of the Governor & Department of Health Professions

Diane Horvath, Virginia Information Technologies Agency
Craig Suro, Office of Health and Human Resources

OTHERS PRESENT: Hobart Harvey, Virginia Health Care Association
Richard Grossman, Vectre Corporation
George Strudgeon, Office of Auditor of Public Accounts
Judy Napier, Office of the Secretary of Technology
Joy Lombard, Williams Mullen Strategies
Mark Pratt, Williams Mullen Strategies
Carris Eddy, Virginia Department of Health
Madeline Abbitt, TIBA
Mark Vaughn, VPhA
Michael Matthews, MedVirginia

Purpose of Meeting

The purpose of the meeting was to review Governor Mark R. Warner's Executive Directive 6, Governor's Task Force on Information Technology in Health Care and to put in place information exchanges and processes to provide deliverables for the development and implementation of a statewide electronic health record.

Administrative Items

Call to Order and Roll Call

Welcome and Introduction

Chairman Gil Minor and Vice-Chair Jane Woods welcomed the Task Force members and introduced staff. Task Force members introduced themselves and provided background on interest in and professional responsibilities for the electronic healthcare record.

Executive Directive Review

Vice Chair and Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Jane Woods, reviewed the public policy expectations for this Task Force and the responsibilities of its appointees. The task force will issue a preliminary report to the Governor and General Assembly by November 1, 2005. The study remains in full force until January 14, 2006.

Freedom of Information, Conflict of Interest, and Travel Waivers

Diane Horvath provided detail to supplement the bound packet in the Members' notebooks regarding the Freedom of Information Act that covers meetings of committees and subcommittees if they are created to perform delegated functions of the public body or to advise the public body. Conflict of Interest Act was reviewed and attention drawn to the material in the Members' notebooks to be completed and returned. Travel waivers were explained.

Task Force Study Plan and Schedule Review

Chairman Gil Minor reviewed the proposed study plan and schedule of meetings with the Members. The primary objectives of the first year of study are to develop a clear picture of where Virginia is and should go with EHR; the primary objectives of the second year are to identify specific ways to "close the gap" between where Virginia is and where it wants to be. At least three full task force meetings will be held each year of the study. The four subcommittees will meet as necessary between full task force meetings and be will determined by the subcommittee chairs. Proposed meeting dates for full task force meetings in 2005 are as follows: October 3 (5 p.m.) and October 31 (10 a.m.).

Review of Electronic Health Records Implementation

Three views of the Electronic Health Records (EHR) were given: a general overview of EHR use and development; an example of vertical integration within a hospital based healthcare system; and an example of lateral integration throughout private medical practices.

“Evolution of Electronic Health Records and Their Scope and Scale” presented by Don Detmer, M.D., President and Chief Executive Officer, American Medical Informatics Association. Dr. Detmer is a member of the Task Force.

“Electronic Health Records in an Integrated Health System and Their Benefits” presented by Greg Walton, Senior Vice President & CIO at Carilion Health System in Roanoke. Mr. Walton is a member of the Task Force.

“Importance of Clinical Data Exchange for Private Medical Practices” presented by Michael Matthews, Chief Executive Officer, Central Virginia Health Network.

Break-Out Sessions of Subcommittees

Subcommittees broke into small groups to begin their organizational process.

Subcommittee #1: “Survey where EHR is in Virginia today and identify current best practices from Virginia, and other states and countries, including funding.” Jim Burns, M.D. Virginia Department of Health, chair; Kim Barns, VDH, staff.

Subcommittee #2: “EHR in private medical practices.” Greg Walton, M.D. Carilion Health System, chair; Dave Austin, Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services, staff.

Subcommittee #3: “EHR in hospitals and institutions” Chris Bailey, Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association,” chair; Barbara Brown, PhD, VHHA staff;

Subcommittee #4: “Technology, interoperability, governance, policy and legal issues in EHR.” The Honorable Eugene Huang, Secretary of Technology, chair; Diane Horvath, Virginia Information Technologies Agency, staff.

Feedback and Comments Following Break-Outs

Subcommittees reported good input received during the breakout period and that will begin the formation of their subject examination and acknowledged the challenge faced by task force, especially in view of situations where there are multiple competing standards. Also discussed was the need for a conduit for subcommittees to talk with its members and to discuss across committees and to incorporate the public into discussions.

Call for Other Business and Public Comment

There was none

Adjournment

The Chair and Vice-Chair extended their thanks to the Task Force Members. The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

Next meeting:

- October 3, 2005

